

PULSE



Christmas



1963



Christmas is a time for celebrating the "Good News of Great Joy," and we here at Saint Joseph's College are preparing to celebrate not only the monumental event of Christ's birth, but also the re-birth of a newspaper at Xavier.

On October 23, 1949, the first edition of the X-Press, Xavier's original newspaper, was published. About two years later the X-Press died, and with it Xavier Hall, Saint Joseph's and Rensselaer became a "land of the unknown" to many parents, members of the Community, and those Brunnerdadians who would some day be residents of Xavier.

For twelve years Xavier had no formal medium of expression to communicate its ac-

tivities to the outsideworld. Now, however, Xavier does possess such a medium in PULSE, a publication in which we will try to capture some of the moods, views, and vitality that is so much a part of Xavier life.

The first issue of any new publication is bound to be rough-edged in spots but we hope you will bear with any errors that might turn up. We also invite your

constructive criticism, letters, and other contributions.

Many thanks to our moderator, Fr. McKay, and to the many Xavierites who helped get PULSE on the road.

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CURRENT COMMENT

by Tom Hemm

"Sure I help everybody. I always keep my hand on my cigarette lighter, ready to light anyone's cigarette. I tended bar in the 'X' once so someone could go bowling...and let me see...Oh yeah, the other day I took a book back to the library for...I forget who. What else can a guy do? No one else does any better."

Could this statement possibly sum up a general attitude held by many of us college men here in Xavier? Nobody could ever give any twenty, sixty, or ninety percent statistic on how many think this way, and how many think that way, but we can say that there are those who would quickly agree that this is about all the assistance their neighbor deserves from them. I believe we must work harder to stamp out this attitude by increasing our efforts to help each other. Each of us has a duty to himself as well as to his neighbor, however, as often happens, we tend to look out so much more for ourselves that we don't have much concern at all for others.

Day after day we have the opportunity and the obligation to help each other in our studies. In the classroom we must all co-operate to make a better atmosphere for learning. Usually we just don't realize how much some of our remarks may distract the teacher or another student, especially those of us who are having a little harder time at the books. Even when He was a child only six or seven years younger than us, Christ was already out helping the scholars with their problems. We can't look toward a better man for an example.

Free period lends us an excellent time to put ourselves out for each other. Here we have all sorts of opportunities to make life easier for others. When they need a few more players for that basketball game we should jump up from our easy chairs and that soft music and have some active recreation with them. We are not only doing them a favor but we also benefit ourselves with that much needed exercise. Maybe we are down in the 'X' and they need only one more player for that pinochle game. We should drop our magazine and join the game with a smile. All four of us will enjoy ourselves because of that little act of kindness.

High above all of these stands our duty to help each other to become good seminarians spiritually. We do this by encouragement and our good example. We must constantly

watch our conversations so that we don't speak about those things that will harm another's vocation. Of primary importance, of course, is our job to pray for each other. If we would only be aware each day when we say "pray for us" and "save us", or in the Mass when we ask God to remember all those here present. Prayer for our fellow seminarians can never be neglected.

These are all possible suggestions of how we as individuals can make life more livable for those around us. We must begin right now to develop a habit of thinking of others before ourselves. We have a vocation at present not so much to the priesthood but to be good seminarians, to play, work, study, and pray together to make ourselves better priests some day. For most of us practically one third of our seminary days are over. What have they done for us? Or a still better question, what have we done with them? There are about three thousand days until we will become other Christs, going out to serve His Mystical Body. Will we be prepared to carry on or will we be an impediment to Christ's work? We have to practice now, today, and every day for the rest of our lives so that when Christ asks what we have done even for the least of our bretheren we can show Him a life-long service to men.



Christmas vacation is a time when the traveling seminarian may be again united with secular life and not separated by clothes and environment. NOTE HOW WELL THE SEMINARIAN "FITS IN" AFTER A PERIOD OF TRAINING.



[Photo By
Robert "Styx" Stanovik]

Hard work on the part of Bob Avery and his hardy crew credited Xavier Hall with a handsome looking display at this year's homecoming. The display depicted a St. Joe Puma engaged in a somewhat unbalanced card game with one of Ball State's Cardinals. The caption strongly hints that the Pumas intend to put the "Cards" in their place (St. Joe lost the game). The theme of our diamond jubilee is made evident by the large number of diamonds scattered throughout the display. Our wonderful work of art took second place and added thirty dollars to our treasury.

Christmas: A Threefold



By
Mike Winkowski

The celebration of three Masses on Christmas originated in the Church at Jerusalem during the fourth century. Christians would congregate at the nativity grotto in Bethlehem to celebrate and consecrate the hour of Our Lord's birth by an evening Mass. After this, on their return to Jerusalem, arriving at dawn, they would commemorate the Resurrection of Our Lord at the Church of the Resurrection. Then, during Christmas day itself, they would gather in Jerusalem's main church for the third Mass.

As we have the three Masses today, an extremely beautiful liturgy unfolds. The first Mass, Filius Meus, commemorates and symbolizes the eternal birth of the Lord from the Father in the glory of the eternal Godhead. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God; and the Word was God." (John 1:1)

Our deliverance from the darkness of sin is the theme of the second Mass (at dawn). This Mass, Lux Fulgebit, portrays Jesus as the Light of the World, born into time of the Blessed Virgin in the humility of the flesh. Thus, through His shining grace proceeding from the light of His divinity, mankind is spared from the eternal death of night. "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness." (John 1:4-5)

And finally in the third Mass, Puer natus est, Jesus is born in Bethlehem to be reborn in the hearts of the faithful through the virtues of faith, hope, and charity, for all time. "But to as many as received Him, He gave the power of becoming sons of God; to those who believe in His name: who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." (John 1:12-14)

And so we see the grand unfolding of the feast of Christmas, established in the fourth century to counter the pagan festival for the birth of the sun god, as a celebration of the birth of the God not only of the sun but of all creation, in the form of a human being, thus initiating the Divine plan for the redemption of all mankind.

Dear Santa:

I would like a new main spring for my roller skate.

Fr. McKay

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like a box of QUACKER Jacks and a book on "How to Sleep with Your Eyes Open."

Don Q. Knueve

Dear Mr. Klaus:

I am not so gullible as to believe in Santa Claus, but I am not so foolish as to pass up a free gift. So, if you exist, please bring me an atomic cloud.

Rabbi Bobby-Bar-Stanovik

Dear Santy:

I want two things for Christmas, a new nationality (preferably British) and to see MSU play in the Jiggs Bowl this New Year's.

Timmy O'Hearn

Dear Santa:

What day is Christmas this year?

John Freas

Dear S.C.:

I don't know for certain what I want for Christmas. Couldn't we form a committee to decide on it?

George Kohlrieser

Dear Santa:

All I want for Christmas is to be cleansed of all my deformities, i.e., my Texan accent, and my bad habit of keeping one eye closed all the time.

"Mose" Gossin

Kalymera Santa:

Will you please erase my name from all of Fr. Lang's "It's your turn to translate today" lists?

Honker

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like first of all the most expensive daily mis-sal on the market, and secondly, I would like a plastic Green Bay Packer that will win when I wind it up.

Jerry Ivacic

Dear Mr. Claus:

I want a book entitled "How to bid wisely at an auction" and a one year supply of Henna Wrinse.

Bob Avery

Dear Santa:

Please give me some information on the proper method of organizing and conducting sit-ins and freedom rides.

B. Sheipline

...AND A NICE DWOQY, AND
A NEW TENNIS
RACKET AND A
...



(Ed. Note: The previous were some letters taken from the desk of Fr. McKay, written by several Xavier men who apparently have not been told the truth about Santa.)

The Father IN the Dell

BY STEVE RAY GOSSIN

Many wonderful things happen in June. This is the time of the year when people get married, babies are born, Spring gives way to Summer. Of course, many disasters happen in June too. For instance, in Jackson, Michigan on June 8, many, many years ago, Fr. Aloysius O'Dell was born.

Little is known about the childhood of Fr. O'Dell. As a matter of fact, little is known about Fr. O'Dell before he entered Xavier, for he is one of the noble few who did not go to Brunnerdale. We do know that he played tackle position on the high school football team at Jackson.

Then came the glorious day -- he and Fr. Dugal entered Xavier.

Here the theme of gold

Seems to have taken hold.

First of all, Fr. O'Dell was called "golden toe" shortly after he arrived at Xavier because of his work in the freshman-sophomore football game. He successfully kicked all the extra points and a field goal so that his team could win by one point. Secondly, he was known for his golden tongue in oratory. The old X-Press, in a characterization of him, mentions this by saying that he was always willing to give little talks on various subjects. Lastly, the golden theme is contained in a gallon of golden, crystal-clear cider which he and Fr. Dugal had before it was swiped by someone unknown. It is thought that one of his now immediate superiors had a hand in this. However, since insurrections are not allowed, nothing can be done.

As you may notice, Fr. Dugal gets into the story quite a bit. At first, Fr. O'Dell and he were together all the time. Yes, the Jackson twins -- and not the comic strip Jackson twins -- were together eating, playing, and praying. It took them quite a long time to eat -- even today Fr. McKay has to prod him on.

The Jackson twins were together at St. Charles, too. It soon became the custom to have a big, spectacular shuffle board match with Frs. O'Dell and Dugal standing Frs. Fara-
baugh and J. Herber.

One of Fr. O'Dell's most interesting experiences during a Xavier football game went something like this: Fr. O'Dell's team was playing Fr. Griglak's team. Late in the fourth quarter, with Fr. O'Dell leading 6-0, Fr. Griglak's team was penalized fifteen yards by Jake McKay for unnecessary roughness. It seemed that one of Fr. O'Dell's men got tagged too high. Then one player from Fr. Griglak's team kicked the ball in mild protest. Fifteen more yards were added for good measure. Alas, even in those days, the games were played with the usual Xavier clean-cut fairness.

Later on in the year Fr. O'Dell played basketball for the Xavier team. The X-Press praised him for his ability to move in any direction but reminded him that he should dribble also.

After all this, the securing of his S.T.L. degree in Montreal, and S.T.D. in Rome, and his appointment to Xavier are anticlimactic.

\$ Monte Carlo Night \$

"Ye Olde X" was the scene on Wednesday, Nov. 27, Thanksgiving Eve, of fun and luck as the seminarians, priests and brothers tried their hand at out-witting the men rolling the dice, spinning the wheel, and dealing the cards at Xavier's "Monte Carlo Night."

As the gamblers walked through the portals of the "X Casino" they were handed an envelope containing 350 francs. With these francs they would bet and try to win enough money to bid for gifts which were to be auctioned at the end of the night.

The first booth to the left of the door was the roulette table run by Jim Hemmelgarn. In the same room stood Ed Frawley's Wheel of

Fortune. Off to the right, where the X bar used to be, stood an improvised, unlicensed night club managed by John Pichitino, assisted by his bartenders John Newbauer and Doug Killoran. In the dark, candle lit, musical atmosphere customers were served chips and pretzels along with drinks made mostly of combinations of soda pop and cider. Just outside of the bar was Don Knueve's Black Jack game, while in the middle room could be found Lowell Hemmelgarn's Chuck-O-Luck and John Pichitino's unique Horse Race game. In the back room of the "X" Bruce Sheipline ran the Showdown Poker game, while John Dubay ran Lucky Seven.

John Dubay

A lot of water has passed under "under the bridge" since Xavier last had a means of communication with the outside world. Twelve years ago the X-Press died and in twelve years a lot has happened that could be recorded in a column like this for later generations. However twelve years ago I was in Celina, Ohio in the second grade at Immaculate Conception Grade School. St. Joe's College and Xavier Hall were an unknown world to me. And even in the sixteen months I've been at Xavier a lot of water has passed under the bridge, so much water in fact, that it would be impossible to remember those humorous and delightful little incidences that are so much a part of life here at Xavier and St. Joe's. I couldn't hope to remember those times like when Jamaican Paul Reid (also known as "Grizzelle") first saw snow, or the friendly feuds of Fr. Schaidler and Tom "T.P." Post in the sacristy last year. However now that I have a network of spies set up, I expect that it will be harder to just let the water pass "under the bridge." Now we have a net "under the bridge" to sift out any noteworthy occurrences. Enough of that, now for the pickings... FROM THE ACADEMIC GRIND...30 Livy classes have passed "under the bridge" already this year and Bob "Mex" Avery is beginning to think he might possibly make it all the way to the semester without re-

UNDER The BRIDGE By JAMES HEMHELGARN

ceiving the "privilege" of translating for the class. I wouldn't want to place any bets on "Mex's" chances...Fr. Cera has an old saying that goes - "The door swings both ways, gentlemen." Heavy eyelids have caused Jim Fisher, Don Kneuve, and Jerry Stack to be the latest to apply for membership in Fr. Cera's Swinging Door Club... Is it possible there is a new Livy in the making at Xavier? Louie Roder is a prime candidate in virtue of his marvelous translations in Livy classes. Fr. Kuhns thinks Louie is a little too liberal though... FROM THE WORLD OF SPORTS... Fr. O'Dell recently announced that Fr. McKay would present our bid to have the traditional educational process replaced by a complex IM (intermural) program at the Community Educational Meeting. If the Committee accepted our proposal, Mark "Tiller" Miller would replace Fr. McKay as the director of Seminarians. By the way, since "Tiller" has become Xavier's IM representative, he is picking up a new nickname - Mark IM... Coach Merki is accusing the Mongies of unsportsmanlike conduct. He thinks that winning by the scores of 33-6, 57-17, 55-12,


and 47-26 is unsportsmanlike. "Capt. Clarence" Leugers has said however, "If we did take it easy on them, what would happen when we came up against a team better than us, if that's possible." ...Speaking of basketball, I heard a crack about Tim O'Hearn, the All-Michigan Stater now playing for the Xavier Mongies. Someone said, "He'd be a good basketball player if he wasn't Irish." Fred (Baumer), you shouldn't say things like that ...Tim has convinced "Capt. Clarence" that 4'7" is too short for basketball, sorry "Tiller." ...FROM THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF WORK...The electric shop has a problem. It seems that Jerry "Chick" Ivacic can't tell the difference between his and Brother Joe's jacket. Do any of our readers have a method by which Brother Joe can solve this problem?.. I think Brother Conrad is going to teach someone else how to make cassocks. John "Pichy" Pichitino is becoming notorious for making two right sleeves for a cassock. That's not all "Pichy" is becoming notorious for, as clubroom manager "Pichy" is bound to leave his mark somewhere, even if it means there are no ashtrays in the clubroom. Oh, by the way, thank's for the tip "Ween" (Don McLean, another of the "illustrious" tailors poor Brother Conrad has to put up with)...AND JUST FROM THE WORLD OF PICKY PICKINGS... Fr. Kuhns has challenged Frs. McKay and Meiring to a VW

obstacle race. He thinks he can win hands down, since he got in many hours of practice chasing hooks and slices at Brook Country Club this summer. Santa Claus told me recently that it doesn't look like the race will be until after Christmas judging by three letters Santa has received. Fr. McKay wants a new transmission, and Fr. Kuhns and Fr. Meiring both want a VW "wind up" key. They both claim somebody swiped theirs. The rumor is that Sullivan (the Ed of TV fame), after 11 years as the MC of his own program, is going to turn the reins over to CoEd Sullivan - Bruce "Sheep" Sheipline for his remarkable performance at this year's Halloween party. ...Bob "Stick" Stanovik is no longer the reigning king of the latecomers. Doug "Dougie" Killoran has taken over due to his magnificent(?) record of being late for chapel 22 consecutive mornings... For this month I leave you with the wish for a happy, merry, and holy Christmas and New Year; and with this reminder - Make everything good that passes "UNDER THE BRIDGE."

Why "Fats" never passes
"UNDER THE BRIDGE" (anymore)



(Ed. Note: The typing staff is very well pleased with "half-space" Fats.)



Foot BALL

Roundup

By
SIR JEROME IVACIC

The intramural sports are designed to provide recreational and athletic activities for the non-varsity students of St. Joseph's College: needless to say, the students of Saint Joseph's take them very seriously.

Xavier Hall, in previous years, was the door mat of the intramural sports program but this year Xavier has become a prominent power. The Xavier Hall Mongies, as they are called, have been in the thick of the battle this year. No one pushes them around.

Intramural football was a prime example of this, although the Mongies did not finish first. The Mongie record for the season was 3 and 4, which placed them in fifth place for the season. In tournament play the Mongie team won the first game by a score of 8 to 0. The second game saw the Mongies defeated and eliminated from the tournament. The score of this game was 15 to 0.

This was not a bad showing for the Mongies, considering that they had a relatively new team and a lack of time to practice. Mongie quarter-

back Tom Boyle, a fifth year, with his running and passes to ends Jerry Hartke and Clarence Leugers was the main offensive punch, although Jerry Ivacic was a big help with the quarterback's protection from his halfback position. The defense was also good, with a few faults coming to the surface now and then but nothing serious. Rushers Jim Bruns, Bob Stanovik, and Joe Gerke helped the Mongie cause by letting no one push them around. Tim O'Hearn, the middle linebacker, broke up lots of plays, especially the short ones.

What will things look like next year?

TEAM ROSTER:

Hartke		
Leugers		
Miller		
Post		
Kohlrieser		
Gerke	6'	210
Frawley	6'1"	165
Ivacic	6'1"	200
Boyle	6'	170
O'Hearn	6'1"	185
Steinbrunner	6'1"	155
Stanovik		



IM Football: (L to R) Standing: J Ivacic, T Boyle, G Kohlrieser, C Leugers, J Steinbrunner, J Bruns, J Hartke, T O'Hearn, E Frawley; Seated: J Gerke, B Stanovik, T Post, M Miller.

IM Basketball Team Wins 4 Straight

Now that the football season is over, basketball has become the I.M. sport. So far we have played only four games and have completely dominated the boards.

In three games our defense has held our opponents' scores under 65 points all told.

Here are the scores of our first four games: 37-8, 55-12, 55-17, and 47-24. Although we have scored well over our opponents, our scores have been made primarily by the forwards and centers.

We have the height, speed, and spirit to go all the way. The only thing lacking is that our guards are not hitting from the outside. Once they start adding points, we will be hard to beat.

✦ AS WE GO TO PRESS - Mark Miller
The team won their fifth game straight

"Fuzzy Ducks" Win Xavier

Intra-Hall Football Championship

After several weeks of good old tussel and tumble, the Xavier football season came to an end. Seven teams won the following places for themselves.

Knueve's "Fuzzy Ducks" took first place in the league standing with five wins and no losses, but Srode's "Seven-Ups" gave them a run for their money with five wins and one loss. Hake's "Humanities" turned out in third place with a 4-2 record. Next in line is Avery's "Magnificent Seven" who showed they lived up to their name but who only acquired two wins and two losses. A 2-4 record put Gossin's "Smut Peddlers" in fifth place. There was a lot of good football playing that

came from Stanovik's "Side-walks", but they finished with a 1-4 record. Coming in last was Mescher's "Sieben-esels", but they banded to-

gether late in the season, and this late start might have had something to do with their 0-4 record.

Rich Bialczak

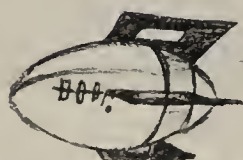
Boyle AND Gerke

Voted IM

Football

Squad

"M V P S"



The Xavier Mongies came out none the worse for their experience on the intramural gridiron this year. The 3 - 4 record is a graphic description of the year. There were good days and bad days; sometimes the breaks were good, sometimes not so good.

The PULSE conducted a poll in Xavier to determine the Mongies' most valuable players from the intramural squad. Tom Boyle, the triple-threat quarterback, was overwhelmingly picked as the top offensive player receiving 38 of the 52 points cast. Jerry Ivacic, the big, bruising (if you think not, be the object of one of Jerry's blocks sometime) blocking back, was runner-up getting 7 votes. Tom Post, the glue-fingered Dayton receiver and Boyle's favorite target stole five votes.

The top defensive player was Joe Gerke, our Missouri mule. Joe and his partner on the defensive line, Jim Bruns, often came up with the big

defensive play. Gerke picked up 21 votes due largely to his fine bruising line play and the frequency with which he nailed the enemy quarterback for that big loss. (Joe will best be remembered for the 8 points he scored, all on defense, in the first game of the IM football tournament when the Mongies took the Bennett Savages 8-0.) Jerry Ivacic again was runner-up receiving nine votes for his contributions on defense. Jim Bruns polled 5 votes for his contributions on the defensive front wall and Jerry Hartke picked up 4 votes for his efforts at safety for the Mongies. Captain Mark Miller, for his play at the left line-backer slot, and Tim O'Hearn, the center line-backer with a developed flair for red-dogging, each received 3 votes. To these players and to all the other team members the PULSE offers hearty congratulations.

James Hemmelgarn

SPORTS VIEWS

How much spirit do the Mongies have? What is your opinion? I am going to express the opinions which I hold and of which I have heard others speak.

It was really noticeable at the intramural football games. Spirit was noticeably lacking when the team was behind or was continually getting bad breaks. It is not hard for the team alone to lose spirit, but it is the job of the team followers to instill and keep alive all the spirit they possibly can.

A team without spirit can never come up from behind. A lot of cheering, which adds to the spirit, can sometimes be a contributing factor to the making of a great play. Everyone knows that one great play can change the tide of the game and even the outcome.

However, I do not think the sports - spirit of the Xavierites in general has been especially lacking. For example, look at the participation at many of the intramural events. There seems to be more spirit in the fifth-year class, because they have a higher percentage of entries. Why?

Team spirit of hall spirit is not only proper to sports, but also to the making of a good man. How far can a man without spirit or drive go in any state of life? Not very far I am sure. Let's get alive, men!

Joe Gerke

Bowling



Xavier Hall is participating in St. Joe's first year of intramural bowling. The Xavier keggers, Jerry Ivacic, Joe Boton, Mark Miller, Don McLean, Bob Avery, and Jim Hemmelgarn won their first match of the year by downing Noll Hall with a score of 3-1. They also won their second match by taking a 4-0 forfeit from the St. Joe Co-eds. As PULSE goes to press the team is tied for first place in the intramural league with Washburn Hall.

This year Xavier Hall has also formed its own intrahall bowling league. Twenty-six seminarians and four priests make up the ten team league. Joe Boton, league secretary, says that the games will continue for a greater part of the winter. All in all, it looks like a great year for Xavier bowling.

Lowell Hemmelgarn

